

Special Area Management Plan

Otay River Watershed

Introductions

OTAY WATERSHED

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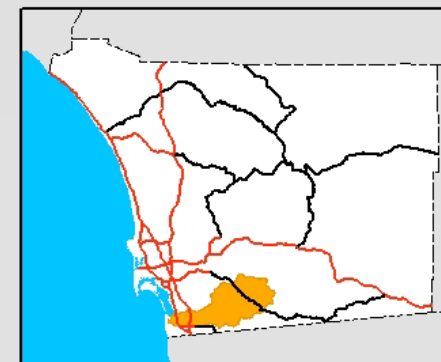
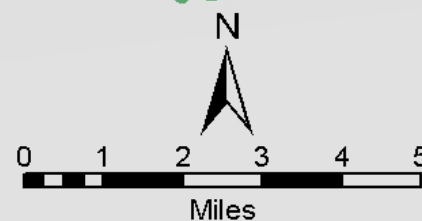


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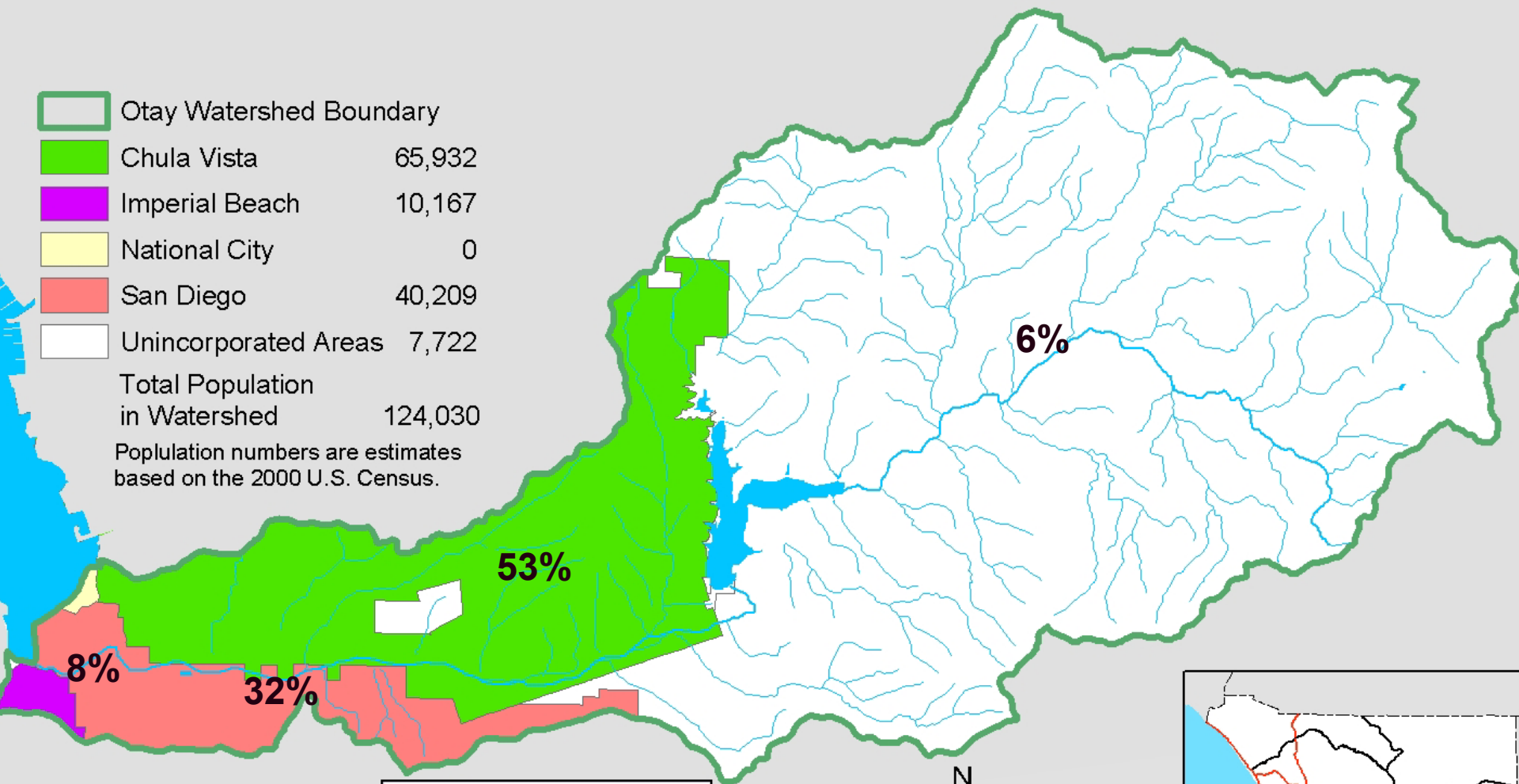


JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE OTAY WATERSHED

	Otay Watershed Boundary	
	Chula Vista	65,932
	Imperial Beach	10,167
	National City	0
	San Diego	40,209
	Unincorporated Areas	7,722

Total Population
in Watershed 124,030

Population numbers are estimates
based on the 2000 U.S. Census.

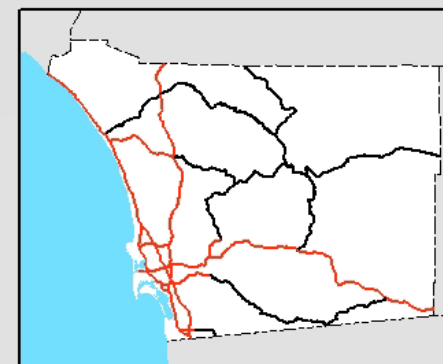
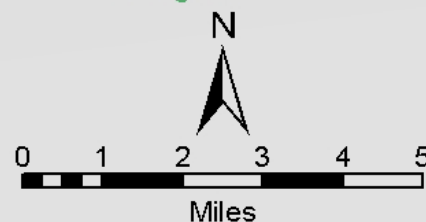


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What is a SAMP?

- Watershed-Based Plan
- Aquatic Resources Management and Restoration Plan
- Accommodation of Reasonable Development
 - Residential, Commercial and Industrial
 - Infrastructure
 - Recreation
 - Other Economic Activities

What is the purpose of a SAMP?

County of San Diego

- To Streamline Regulatory Permitting Under:
 - Clean Water Act, Section 404
 - Fish and Game Code, Section 1600 et. seq.
- To Provide A Comprehensive Approach to Watershed Protection
- To Coordinate Aquatic Resource Protection
- To Provide Consistent Regulatory Environment

What is the purpose of a SAMP?

Army Corps of Engineers

- Improve protection and management of aquatic resources with:
 - Watershed level approach
 - Better evaluation of cumulative impacts
- Regulatory predictability for the public
- Improve regulatory and resource agency coordination
- Enhance efficiency of the 404 program

Current Status

- Cooperative Agreement
 - Approved by Board of Supervisors
 - Signature Process
- Technical Reports
 - Planning Level Delineation
 - Functional Assessment

Agency Involvement

Corps Responsibilities

- Independent Review, Analysis and Approval
 - Per Roles & Responsibilities document
 - Determine Basic & Overall Project Purpose
 - Conduct Independent Review & Analysis of Alternatives
 - Develop Watershed Restoration Plan & Aquatic Reserve
- Technical Studies
- EIS/EIR
- Permitting

Agency Involvement

County Responsibilities

Establish Committees

1. Executive Committee

- Policy-level Decisions
- Meetings as Necessary

2. Coordination Team

- Day to Day Management of the SAMP
- Regular Meetings
- Provide Input Based on Areas of Responsibility

Agency Involvement

County Responsibilities

Develop & Provide to the Corps

1. Purpose & Need Statement
2. Basic & Overall Project Purpose Statement
3. Alternative Analysis
4. Mitigation and Monitoring Plan

Funding

County

- Board of Supervisors - \$900K
 - Based on projected costs through FY 05-06
 - Project Management
 - Consultant Fees

Funding

Army Corps

- Federal Allocations for SAMP
 - FY 04 Funding
 - Remaining Work Items
 - Supplemental Studies
 - Watershed Restoration Plan
 - EIS/EIR

Public Participation

Working Group

- Guidelines
- Participants
 - Property Owners
 - Environmental Groups
 - Recreational and Other Users
 - Business Interests

Consultants

Aspen Environmental – Prime

- Jones and Stokes
 - Ken Schwarz - Fluvial Geomorphology
- TAIC
 - Pat Atchison – GIS; Scott Fleury - Biology
- RBF
 - Scott Taylor - Water Quality
- Geoscience
 - Dennis Williams - Groundwater
- AQUA TERRA
 - Tony Donigian - H&H/Water Quality Modeling
- Helix Environmental
 - Tom Huffman, Barry Jones - Biological Resources

Questions & Answers

Agency Involvement

County Responsibilities

- Establish Committees
- Develop & Provide to the Corps
 - Purpose and Need Statement
 - Basic & Overall Project Purpose
 - Alternatives Analysis
 - Mitigation and Management Plan